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### ***From the Editor's desk***

Suddenly summer has arrived, well for a couple of days in mid July at least—perhaps there'll be more? Those heady days of broad blue skies, the occasional cotton wool cloud and balmy days designed for watching cricket and other summer sports seem to have returned.

What a few weeks of political turmoil and terrorism we have experienced too. We must regard ourselves as lucky not to be in the front line of the horrors that beset the Middle East in particular, but also nearer to home in Europe too. Thankfully our Security Services keep us safe, but nevertheless we must remain vigilant!

And the speed with which our own Government has changed following the EU Referendum and all that followed, is something that few of us have ever previously witnessed.

Village life continues with its regular patterns, and now the summer holiday period is on us. The children have finished at school, and Year 6 pupils are looking forward to their new life as secondary students in September. Holiday time is for recharging the batteries, and for recovering from those dull days with winds and rain. The time for barbecues is upon us (we hope) and life will be a little quieter around Syresham as people will be away—so do have a good Summer!

*Ian Draper, July 2016*

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**DAVID BOWEN LIVES IN THE POUND  
AND SENT IN HIS ARTICLE ABOUT  
LONG DISTANCE RUNNING... ...**

On the 11th June I was flying the flag for Brackley and District Running Club in the 'South Downs Way 100' - a 100 mile point to point race over the South Downs. As well as running 100 miles there is 4,000m of vertical ascent (that's three times up and down Snowdon!) to make things interesting.

I'd been falling in and out of love with running for a few months so my training was minimal and I was worried if I'd even make it round at all.

Unfortunately my alarm did not go off on the morning of the race, so I only just made it to the start for the briefing at 05.55 whilst still eating my porridge! Sadly I didn't have time for my morning pint of tea and was feeling particularly flustered when the race set off at 06.00.

The run actually went to plan in the face of punishing hot and humid weather which lasted all day. I hit the 25 mile Checkpoint at 4:04 hours, 35 miles at 6:09 hours, and 54 miles at 10:13 hours.

Darren Long from the running club was at Mile 50 helping out at a checkpoint, so it was great to see his smiling face half way round. After this the hills became more serious and I started to slow down slightly taking a few walking breaks. The key to distance running is "Relentless Forward Progress", so I kept marching on to the 69 mile checkpoint arriving at 8:03 p.m. having been running for just over 14 hours.

At this point I was delighted only to have a further 30 miles to go so celebrated by eating fruit as I walked up another hill. The weather was cooler by now with a nice refreshing breeze.

I arrived at Southease at about 9:45 just as Russia equalised against England. My mate Chris provided lots of demotivating comments about how hard the last 16 miles are with three large climbs!

As we left the last checkpoint, 95.5 miles we had an hour to finish the last 4.5 miles, in order to be under my target time of 22 hours. We pushed on up the last big climb from Jevington, by which time the mist had come down and coupled with the dark meant visibility was poor and it was getting hard to make out the path let alone see any course markers.

Despite this we made really good time up the final climb, overtaking a few people who had passed us earlier in the day. Eventually we arrived on the outskirts of Eastbourne with 2.5 miles left to run around the town before we had to do our 400m lap of the sports ground.

Eventually the stadium came into sight, and we agreed that as we had run the last 16 miles together we'd finish together, so we put on our happy faces and sprinted round the track to pick up our "100



Miles One Day” finishers belt buckle and t-shirt.

I finished in 53<sup>rd</sup> place, in 21hrs 47mins and 20 seconds. I’m really pleased with this time given my lax training, the humidity and hilly terrain.

I escaped the race with only a small blister on my little toe which I taped up at mile 69. My legs felt good and I was able to have a spin out on the exercise bikes in the gym the Monday afterwards and have a good stretch.

I’ve now done all four of the Centurion 100 Mile races and am feeling energised for my next ultra in July before travelling to Chamonix to tackle the mighty Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc in August.



*David Bowen*

*Many Congratulations David—I am sure we are all very envious of your amazing stamina, but I have to say, rather you than me! Editor.*

### **SYRESHAM POCKET PARK**

Now summer is finally here, Topper and David are doing a fantastic job mowing and strimming to make sure the park continues to be accessible to all visitors. Whether you attend Mums and Tots, Pre-School, Brownies, Cubs/Scouts or just like to walk down there to stretch your legs, do make time for a visit!



Thank you to David for putting up Pocket Park finger post signs to show the way to the park. There’s no excuse for not taking a stroll down to see what’s in bloom, or how the new pond is doing.....

I’d also like to thank Sarah for hosting two BBQ’s to raise funds for the Pocket Park, but I also have to let you know that the Pocket Park Committee have decided to cancel the BBQ and Dog Show in September as it would have been on the same weekend as the Church Fete. We do plan to have a Dog Show next year and will advertise it in the next edition so it’s on your calendar! As we do need continually to raise funds to keep the park maintained, the committee have planned a fun quiz for **Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Village Hall**. Please keep this date free and come along to have an entertaining evening. Look out for posters nearer the time for more details.....If you are interested in getting involved with the Pocket Park, please contact me on 851178.

*Lesley Sambrook Smith*

### **SYRESHAM TIMES - committee vacancy**

After several years of selling advertising space for the Syresham Times, Malcolm Orr-Ewing will be stepping down from the committee!

If you are interested in applying for this post, please contact Lesley Sambrook Smith ([parishclerk@syresham.com](mailto:parishclerk@syresham.com)) for more information.

The role will involve contacting existing advertisers, finding new advertisers when necessary and attending committee meetings once per quarter.

*Lesley Sambrook Smith*

## **JUBILEE TREE FLOWER BED**

Since Bruce Smith left the village, the flower bed has been feeling a little neglected and unloved.

The Parish Council are working to get it back to its former glory, however they would appreciate a keen community-minded, gardener to take over the bed and keep it looking neat and tidy. The Parish Council will agree a budget for new plants as and when required. The job isn't large and would only require an hour or two in the summer months.

If you are interested, please contact Lesley Sambrook Smith 01280 851178

or via [parishclerk@syresham.com](mailto:parishclerk@syresham.com)

*Lesley Sambrook Smith*



## **MONTE CARLO OR BUST**

How many years back is it since that glorious film? Tony Curtis, Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, Susan Hampshire and Terry Thomas—all names to conjure with from 1969! Well we have two intrepid driver-explorers, Sallie Connery and Liz Linford who have driven the route in aid of Katharine House Hospice.

Dressed as Thelma and Louise and driving a 15 year old Mazda MX5, purchased for just £300, the travelled through 4 countries, and completed various challenges on the way.

They have raised over £7,500 through sponsorships, and participation in other events and they paid all their own costs.

Event details can be found at:-



<http://montecarloorbustrally.com>

You can still sponsor Sallie and Liz via

<https://www.justgiving.com/Liz-Sallie>

*Sallie Connery*

## **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

A Police and Crime Commissioner for the county, Stephen Mold took up his new post in May. He commits to protecting front-line policing in the county and supports the Special Constable project that was initiated by his predecessor. He hopes to build the trust and confidence that the county population has with its Police Force. He can be reached via:-

[Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk)

## **SYRESHAM GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP**

The new Women's Group in Syresham is building nicely and we are looking to form the new Group officially from 1<sup>st</sup> September, once all 'the admin' has been completed.

We are calling ourselves *The Syresham Gems*, Your local Women's Group. There will be an annual membership fee of £20 per person and a monthly charge of £1, which will cover hire of the village hall, refreshments and speaker costs. There will be a visitor fee of £3

per month and visitors can come along up to 3 times. Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Our aim is to put on a varied programme of speakers and activities. Over the last few months we've had a make-up demonstration from Lee Bodily using natural



Arbonne products; Rob Dixon sharing his entertaining memories and stories of life as part of British Airways cabin crew; and Hayley Gee demonstrating how to create different hairstyles for different occasions.

Details of the next 3 meetings are as follows:

- **10<sup>th</sup> August** – Sallie Connery and Liz Linford (tbc) talking about their charity fundraising drive to Monte Carlo
- **14<sup>th</sup> September** – trip to Belfair chocolates in Brackley £6 cost per head (tbc)
- **12<sup>th</sup> October** – Keith Watts will give a talk on his 'Life behind the Lens'

We are also planning our programme for 2017 so if you have any ideas for speakers, activities or outings etc., then do let us know!

For more information about the Group please contact either Maggie Newton (850324) or Judith Shaw (850613).

## FROM YOUR RECTOR...

Driving to and from Syresham you can't help but notice that the corn is now "reaching up to the sky" and the farmers are anxiously watching the skies as they cut the hay crop. Surrounded by all this plentiful countryside it is no wonder that Harvest – the time when we thank God that "*all is safely gathered in*" - is such a big community event.



A good Harvest in the past meant money in the bank and food on the table. A bad Harvest brought disaster to a whole community. This meant all the community, young and old, would thank God for a successful harvest and celebrate by holding a massive party with food and dancing; during which some of the produce would be auctioned off. So this year, we are taking our Harvest back to its roots (*if you'll pardon the pun!*).

We are bringing back a **Traditional Harvest Festival with a community Harvest Supper and Auction!**

As well as decorating our church with fruits, vegetables and flowers of the Harvest, (*some freshly picked and some already bottled as jams and pickles*), we will be auctioning it all off during the Harvest Supper to follow the service.

Everyone is welcome and if you have something, home grown or homemade to decorate the Church and for the sale then please bring it along in the week before so it is ready for the candlelit service at **6pm on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>** and don't forget to bring your appetites (*and cash*) along to the meal and auction afterwards.

There will be children's prizes for the best-dressed "farmer" and "farmer's wife" along with some other Harvest activities. Tickets are available at the Shop.

And speaking of children's activities, **Messy Church** is back from its summer break in October. Come along, bring a sharing plate of food and join in the fun on **October 4<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – to 5.30p.m.**

September sees the return of **Secret Keepers** (*every first and third Wednesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Chapel School Room*) and **Youth Group** (*the second and fourth Fridays at 7.30pm*) along with and **Mums and Tots** in the Village Hall on a Wednesday morning.

In November we will be remembering again those who gave their lives for this country and for the freedom of future generations. The **Act of Remembrance** takes place again at our village Memorial Stone, **11.00 a.m. on Sunday November 13th.**

Our candlelit All Souls Service - **A Time to Remember** will be on **Monday 31st of October at 7.00 p.m.** So if you would like the name of a loved one mentioned at this service do let me know or fill one of the forms that are available in church.

Bear with me a moment while I flag up our all new **St Nicolas Christmas Market** taking place on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We'll be selling Christmas Trees, Christmas Wreaths, cakes and mince pies and taking orders too for those who prefer a later start! More details for Christmas in the next edition!

Meanwhile our Services and Village Praise and Prayer, (*with content chosen by village societies and groups*)

continue on their usual Sundays. Details are in the Church porch. Look out for the banners telling you what's on and when we are travelling to worship in one of the other Churches in our Benefice—you are welcome to join us wherever we worship!

The church is also open during the day and providing a quiet restful place to stop and stay a while.

And should you need someone to talk to, or you want to find out more details about any of the above or maybe how you can plan your Wedding or a Baptism at St James, my details are below.

***Reverend Carole xxx***

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**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

First of all the Parish Council apologises for the fact that the Swingfield was closed for the first week and a half of the Summer holidays.

The timing was certainly not ideal, but the work that was carried out was essential to ensure that electricity supply remains sufficient for the village needs. We are pleased to announce that it is now open again and we hope that the children of the village (together with families) will now make full use of it during the holiday period.

The Parish Council is also pleased to announce that in the 2016 Northamptonshire Village of the Year Syresham gained runners-up status in both the medium sized village category and also the overall best village. There is still room for improvement, so we certainly have something to aim for

next year.

As you will see from the new bus timetable distributed with this copy of the Syresham Times, there have been cuts made to the daily bus service. This was brought about by the fact that Northamptonshire County Council decided to cease the subsidy they were giving to Stagecoach to run the No 88 bus route. The Parish Council invited Mr Steven Burd, the Managing Director of Stagecoach Midlands, to explain the reasons why they were unable to continue the full service, which was essentially lack of usage. Stagecoach are, however, continuing to run the peak time services to enable students and workers who use the bus to get to work and college.

Members of the Parish Council have again planted up the flower boxes at the entrances to the village and weeded the jubilee flowerbed in Abbey Road. We would also like to thank the children from the school who weeded and planted up the flowerbed at the front of the Village Hall.

Unfortunately we have to report that the plaque commemorating the planting of the tree in Wappenham Road for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 has 'gone missing'. The Parish Council feel that this is a very important part of our village heritage and will therefore ensure that it is replaced.

We also have to report that the traffic



sign at the entrance to High Street was recently damaged and the dog litter bin removed. If you see any suspicious or unwanted activity, do please report it to the Parish Clerk or direct to the Police using 999 for urgent issues or to 101 for less urgent incidents.

Once again a reminder that if you have any issues you would like the Parish Council to consider, you can contact the Parish Clerk 01280 851178 or e-mail [parishclerk@syresham.com](mailto:parishclerk@syresham.com)

*Cllr Chris Munsey*



We've had a lovely summer term at Preschool. We have a large number of our children leaving us this time to start reception in September and it has been wonderful watching them all grow and develop and become 'School Ready'.

Most of the children will be starting school at Syresham and for them it is a natural progression as they have spent such a lot of time in the reception classroom, school hall and the outside area.

Many of them have older brothers and sisters at school and it is yet to be seen whether they will be mercilessly bossed about, cosseted or blatantly ignored by their elder peers - probably a mixture of all three!

As we say goodbye to our pre-school leavers, we welcome the change in structure of the Preschool as of September 2016 when Preschool will



be run and managed by Syresham St James School. This is an exciting time (not least for the Mums who will no longer have the stresses and strains of running a full business!) - but with great times to look forward to come great times to look back on.

Most recently Alison and her team did very well with lovely positive comments in their Ofsted report.

Preschool is a wonderful asset to the village and as we hand over to the school we must say a huge thank you to Preschool staff Alison as Leader, Melanie as Deputy, Sam and Niki, and Naomi and Anna. And a special thank you goes to Alison Duffield and Naomi Whyness for their long service. Naomi has been a loyal and invaluable member of Preschool staff. Alison has clocked up 10 years of service and has been a constant as other staff have retired and moved on to pastures new. She has been instrumental in creating and running the caring and fun Preschool that our children have loved. Thank you!

A big thank you too to all those who have helped in any way with Preschool past and present - you know who you are!

Here's to a great past era and a great future era... all of which add an extra little something to Syresham's history!

*Rachel Olés*

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**ST JAMES CHURCH GARDEN  
PARTY**

**SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER  
VINE COTTAGE, BROAD STREET  
3.00 P.M. TO 5.00 P.M.**

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**SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL**

We have had another successful year at school. Our term ended with a final Assembly where we celebrated children's achievements over the year, giving out special awards for different subject areas. It was not possible for all children to receive an award, but all were reminded of how clever, friendly and polite they are and in their own way make Syresham the brilliant school that it is today.

We also said goodbye to our Year 6 children; Becky, Joshua, Alfie, Megan, Harmonie, Luke, Alex, Isabelle and Finley. They are all moving onto secondary school, equipped with the skills to enable them to continue their success in the next stage of their education.

School may be closed for the summer but we continue to work behind the scenes to get ready for next year. The new term brings exciting challenges as the school takes over the running of Pre-School.

On the 1st of September, Syresham School Nursery opens its doors to care for children from age 2 to 4.

Myself along with Miss Nikel our Reception teacher will be working with the nursery staff to continue the high standard of childcare provision that has been built up through the pre-school but also look forward to disseminating our excellent Early Years

practice in school into the Nursery setting. We will be holding a 'stay and play' session on **Monday 5th September** for all existing and new children and parents who are interested in sending their child to our nursery. If you have a child between the age of 2-4 please come and visit us.

*Kate Clough, Headteacher*

### **THEFT OF LEAD FROM THE CHURCH ROOF**

Over the night of 2nd/3rd July, St James Church lost 60% of its lead – some 10 tonnes in weight from above the central aisle.

The thieves must have parked along Church End near the sewage plant. A pathway was trodden down through the graveyard suggesting a team of at least 20. Two 6ft lengths of lead were left behind.



The churchwardens are currently taking quotations for its replacement. If anybody sees any suspicious vans or lorries parked by the church between 8.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m., could they either ring Northants Police Direct on 101, quoting incident No 167, or ring Malcolm on 850218.

*Malcolm Orr-Ewing*

### **SYRESHAM BOWLS CLUB**

We are currently down to only 10 members now, but we still enjoy ourselves and have good bowling sessions. This year we made Winnie Varney an Honorary Life Member, in

recognition of all the considerable help and support that she has given the club over the years. We hope that she will continue to find the time and opportunity to join us at our meetings. This year we managed to raise over £120 for the Katharine House Hospice again in the Winter Triples League.

If anyone would like to find out more about us, come and see how we set up the village hall and maybe participate, then do come and visit us on a Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m.— anyone who is interested is most welcome!

*Barbara Hawkins, Chairman*

### **BELATED THANKS**

A very big thank you to the Friends of Syresham School, for the lovely trolley full of food which I won in the raffle at the May Day Fête.



It was a lovely surprise and very enjoyable, and great fun wheeling it home to Crowfield!

*Janet Cox*

**WHITTLEBURY CHARITY SHOPPING FAIR—** 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September at Whittlebury Park.

[www.whittleburycharityfair.co.uk](http://www.whittleburycharityfair.co.uk)

Every penny we raise will go to :-  
Child Bereavement UK, Helen and Douglas House in Oxford and Macmillan, Northampton.

### **SYRESHAM CRICKET CLUB**

At the time of going to press, our 1st Team has won the T20 League Cup, is mid way up the SNCL Premier Division and the 2nd Team is 2nd in Division 3.

The club has also made it through to the Wardington Cup T20 final.

*Scott Wilson, 1st Team Captain*



### **MUMS AND TOTS GROUP**

As always, the English summer has been a combination of very good weather and some very rainy days. Our two visits from The Primary Education Company ended up being on two very wet days!

Instead of using the lovely open space of the Sports Field we had to use half of the Village Hall. Even so, this did not dampen the enthusiasm of our little

toddlers. They had so much fun playing games with the colourful parachute, (*photo on centre pages*) beanbags, balls and they even went on a *Bear Hunt!*

On the hotter days we had fun outside in the sand tray, ate ice lollies, made sunflowers and bounced on a bouncy castle.

For those of you new to the area or just starting a family, our group is run by the mums who take it in turns to organise the sessions and by volunteers who help set up and put away the equipment. A small charge is made to cover refreshments and materials. We are based in the Village Hall and run every Wednesday during term time from 10a.m.-12noon. We have many activities available for the children. They include playdough, puzzles, cars, Duplo, role-play clothes, a slide and many more along with a designated baby area. Coming up in the Autumn Term we have exciting art and craft activities planned which are linked to the theme Colour, Shape and Pattern.

We send best wishes as we say goodbye to many big boys as they start in Reception classes in September. However, we look forward to seeing more new faces in the coming term!

*Tina Nesbitt*

### **POST BREXIT - CHALLENGES FOR US ALL!**

The recent Brexit Vote reminded me when in early 2014 Pope Francis of the Catholic Church complained about *'the tyranny of unfettered capitalism'* with a reminder that humanity should be served by and not ruled by the wealthy. On the other side of the coin

STOWE HOUSE  
Christmas Gift Fayre  
Saturday 29 and  
Sunday 30 October 2016  
10.00am - 5.00pm  
Admission £5.00 per person  
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the newspapers report a high dropout rate from the workforce who have given up looking for work. The Government doesn't even count them anymore as being unemployed - the future for them and their offspring is fettered in depression.

The social fabric of the UK is currently being stretched to its limits with money-stress, for example causing divorce and an increasing number of single parent households. Education and Health costs are exceeding the rate of growth of income and wealth but the widening gap is hitting the poor the hardest. Poverty is breeding crime and criminal organisations, broken families, beggars, prostitution, mass immigration and protest movements. So large has the gap become that the wealthy in South Africa and many parts of South America are forced to live behind walls and locked gates. Let us pray it doesn't come to that here! Too often conversation either abuses the 'idle poor' or the 'heartless rich'. The majority of workers are anything but idle while many of the so called Middle Class and Rich are very generous especially in supporting Charitable Organisations and their neighbours in distress. Opinion with unsupported statistical backup rules the roost those from all walks of life try to justify their particular stands.

We have however, in my modest view, reached a stage when we must jointly show concern for the increasing income inequality that is hitting our society while having to

watch our manufacturing industry and its associated skills disappear.

To have allowed the EU vote and immigration to be blamed for the multiplying pressures on our society avoids the principal issue. It has been more profitable for the holders of capital to accumulate wealth by investing overseas with the available cheap labour than supporting a worthwhile standard of living at home for the majority. The country has developed as a consequence 'short term' attitudes stumbling over unnecessary social hurdles with many falling rather than planning for the 'long term' needs for ourselves and our innocent children. Immigration from Europe today hardly compares with the 3 million – yes, 3 million – Brits who emigrated to Canada alone between the Wars!

At least we have two new words: Brexit and Boris, soon they might even be Trumped!

*Alan Clube*

### **SYRESHAM CHAPEL**

We were thinking the other day on the subject of our lives in their hands. If we have to go into hospital we place our lives in the hands of the doctors and nurses. We believe with their knowledge, skills and experience they will care for us. Just as consent form must be signed before an operation so Jesus waits for our trusting consent to his entering our lives but only when we place our lives in his hands.



# Syresham St James CE School

## End of Year Assembly, July 2016

The children, staff and many parents gathered together on July 20<sup>th</sup> in a very warm hall to congratulate all the prize-winners and progress awards for the year's work. Year 6 pupils were moving on to secondary school and for them and two members of staff, it was a sad day to have to say goodbye to so many friends.



Year 6 'Buddies' and their Reception friends say farewell, and thank you for support!



## Scarecrow Festival – June 2016

This year's Scarecrow Festival was on the theme of Books and Films and as always a wonderful display was made throughout the village – many thanks to all those who supported the weekend. Through the very kind efforts of the many sponsors (including



South Northamptonshire Council) and other contributors, villagers and the numerous visitors who came along, £4,130 was raised.

This was a marvellous effort – *Thank you to one and all!*

**Next year's Scarecrow Festival:-** Saturday and Sunday **June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2017.**  
The theme will be '*Characters through the ages*'. Book it in the diary now!



We have a bright new coloured logo for the Syresham School Nursery, which will be appearing from the start of the new school year. We hope you like it!



Coloured Parachute fun-day at Mums and Tots



**Syresham's Celebration of HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, June 2016**

Fancy Dress winner and runner up, Rachael Olés and Mabel Eccles – well done girls!

**Syresham Cricket Club's new Scoreboard** – the Sports and Social Club and the Cricket Club have enhanced our village cricket facilities, with sight screens, pitch covers and a handsome scorers' hut. Reasonable B&B rates available on application!







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**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**  
**WE NEED MORE ACTORS!**

Ever fancied a bit of acting? Treading the boards? Well this is your chance to perform on stage in our latest Panto blockbuster!

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We are a friendly lot and you will have great FUN

PLUS ... MEET GREAT NEW FRIENDS!

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 (Don't worry ... We don't take them seriously!)

**Mon 19 & Thurs 22 Sept 2016 at Sports & Social Club 7.30pm**

For more information email Keith on [tyssyresham@gmail.com](mailto:tyssyresham@gmail.com)

We are looking ahead to our Harvest Thanksgiving which will be held on *Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September* led by David Green and we extend a warm welcome for anyone to join with us. Again our gifts of tinned and dried goods will be taken to The Hope Centre in Northampton.

Looking even further ahead we have agreed to be a collection point for shoe boxes and invite everyone to fill a shoe box to be sent to deprived children forms will be available shortly.

*Dot Dunkley*



May was our A.G.M. where all the committee agreed to continue. June

saw some of our members enjoy an afternoon visit to Thenford Arboretum, the home of Michael Heseltine (other members will go in the autumn), a wonderful afternoon and splendid gardens and as Colin remarked, we often don't appreciate what's on our doorstep. July we welcomed Malcolm Berman to talk on fuchsias, a very interesting talk, many gardening tips all from a judge of the fuchsia society. We're looking forward to an evening visit in August and will be back in the Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

*Dot Dunkley*



**NORTHANTS ACRE OIL SCHEME**

The Oil purchasing scheme has been so successful over the years and is changing to an

online ordering system. Since its inception in 2011, orders for over 1.6 million litres have been placed, saving collectively £77,500 county wide, against average prices. As always details can be found at <http://northantsacre.org.uk/bulk-oil-buying-scheme/>

I shall no longer be taking orders each month, and requests for oil can be made through the new online system or you can still place your orders through Sarah Clarke at the ACRE offices—01604-765888.

*Ian Draper, Village Coordinator*

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Again we have had a busy few months, two meetings have been held in gardens. Our annual strawberry tea was held at Sue Palmer's but unfortunately had to be held inside. However, we were luckier with weather when we visited the rose garden of The Priory. Thank you again for sharing your homes and gardens with us. Our treasure hunt, organised by Paula and David Green was excellent and our destination was Sulgrave Manor, despite a very wet afternoon. We've been on a musical holiday, tasted food from the past, and made cards under the tuition of Joan Whitehead and will commence our meetings again on September 6th.

*Dot Dunkley*

### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

It was great to welcome Bruce Smith back to our May meeting when the speaker was Dave Folwell (who provided information for the booklet Bruce produced on the 1<sup>st</sup> World War) speaking on the Northamptonshire

Regiment and tying it into local people.

John Braybrook led the 10<sup>th</sup> visit to four Northamptonshire Churches

The first visit was to Whiston then on to Earls Barton with a break for an excellent lunch and progressing to Wellingborough St Mary's and Brixworth. Thanks again to John.

Our June meeting was held on the night we had a terrific storm, arriving at the village hall we found the car park under water and this deterred many members but our committee member John Gibbins gave us a talk entitled 'A small collection of silver' and answered questions from the few brave members who had attended.

July saw us welcoming back to the village Craig Cooper. His talk was called 'Tick Tock Man' very appropriate as with great humour he told us of his time in Northern Ireland as a bomb disposal operator.

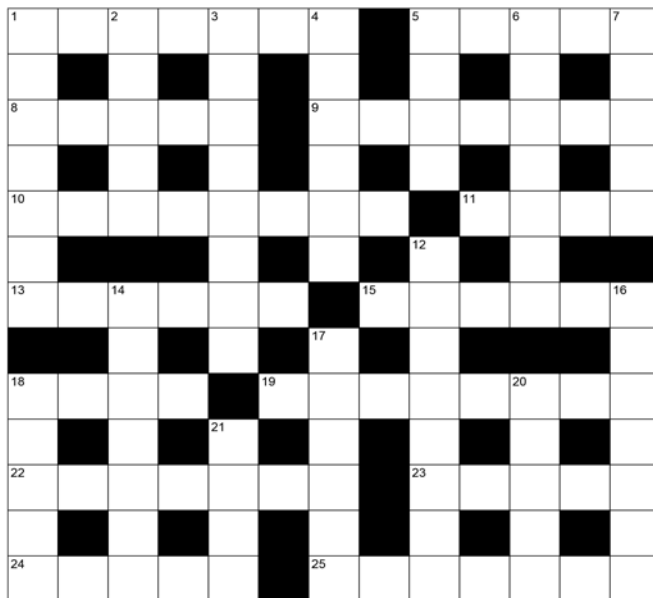
At the end of term school assembly, our Chairman Ian Draper presented the History Prize to Alex Chaplin in year 6. Alex was selected as the best pupil in history – well done Alex!

*Dot Dunkley*

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR THE ELDERLY**

We congratulate CAFÉ, established in 2003 in Brackley, providing arts and crafts to enhance the life, wellbeing and confidence of those in care homes. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, 2016, will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant of the county later this year. Congratulations to Ruth Harrison and Eileen Trotman who were honoured at Buckingham Palace Garden Party. [www.cafecharity.org.uk](http://www.cafecharity.org.uk)

**Crossword —thanks to Vintage Port**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Weak man or youth(7)
- 5 I see a scholar(5)
- 8 Short choral piece(5)
- 9 Of pottery(7)
- 10 Costly non essentials (8)
- 11 They're green, blue, black, and grey here(4)
- 13 After 3 down and sounds like 12 down(6)
- 15 Group of whales(6)
- 18 Village ladies group (4)
- 19 Fowl shelters (8)
- 22 Altar Screen (7)
- 23 Drawing out (5)
- 24 Queen's Counsels(5)
- 25 Landed estate (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Speaks indistinctly (7)
- 2 Milky plant fluids (5)
- 3 The week ends here (8)
- 4 Pinch (7)
- 5 Leave, temporarily (4)
- 6 Passport not needed (7)
- 7 Consumes 12 down (5)
- 12 Frozen dessert (8)
- 14 Number symbol (7)
- 16 Pasta dish (7)
- 17 Separated out (6)
- 18 Female children (5)
- 20 Leaves out (5)
- 21 Advantageous difference (4)

**ANSWERS—ACROSS** 1 Millskip; 5 Puppi; 8 Motey; 9 Ceramic; 10 Luxuries; 11 Bins; 13 Sunday; 15 School; 18 Gems; 19 Hencoops; 22 Reredos; 23 Eking; 24 Silks; 25 Demesne  
**DOWN**—1 Mumbles; 2 Latex; 3 Saturday; 4 Pocket; 5 Park; 6 Pimlico; 7 Licks; 12 Ice Cream 14 Numeral; 16 Lasagne; 17 Teasel; 18 Girls; 20 Omits; 21 Odds

# Events and Diary Dates

<b>HAPPENING SOON</b>	<b>WEEKLY DIARY</b>	<b>FORTNIGHTLY DIARY</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<p><b>SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service</b> 6.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Church Services</b>—<i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i></p> <p><b>MONDAYS:-</b> Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i></p> <p><b>CARD RECYCLING GROUP</b> 7.00 p.m. <i>contact Sue Palmer</i></p> <p><b>DANCING CLASSES</b> Village Hall—various 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> Second Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August</i></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAYS (1ST &amp; 3RD)</b> <b>Secret Keepers</b>, 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time only</i></p> <p><b>FRIDAYS, YOUTH CLUB</b> 11yrs + Sunday School rooms 7.30 p.m. <i>Term Time only</i></p>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<p><b>TUESDAYS:-</b> Adult Ballet, <i>Village Hall</i>, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00</p> <p><b>PILATES</b> <i>Village Hall</i>, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DANCING CLASSES</b> Village Hall—various 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROWNIES</b>, 5.45 to 7.00 p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i></p> <p><b>CRAFT</b>, 2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CIRCUIT TRAINING</b>, <i>Sports Club</i> 7.15 p.m.</p>	<b>MONTHLY DIARY</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<p><b>WEDNESDAYS:-</b> Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i></p> <p><b>THURSDAYS:-</b> Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BOWLS CLUB</b>, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SATURDAYS:-</b> Boys' Football, <i>Sports Club</i>, 10.00 a.m.</p> <p><b>FOOTBALL OR CRICKET</b> Matches in season—<i>Check Sports Club details</i></p>	<p><b>2ND SUNDAY</b>, Sunday School &amp; Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.</p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY</b>—Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1ST TUESDAY</b>, History Society, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>3RD TUESDAY:-</b> Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>2ND WEDNESDAY</b>—Gems Women's Group, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>3RD WEDNESDAY</b> Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>LAST WEDNESDAY</b>, Parish Council Meetings , <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>3RD FRIDAY</b>, Sports Club Quiz Nights</p> <p><b>2ND SATURDAY</b>, Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LIBRARY VAN</b> Village Hall, 11.30a.m. specified dates only</p>

## Grumpy Old Man

*We missed this item out last time, so here it is together with some newer thoughts!*

**Car accessories** – are they all needed?

A couple of weeks ago I took the car into the dealers in Buckingham. The driver's side mirror was not retracting when I locked the car.

It was suggested I come back in an hour and was told that it was good news because the repair was covered by warranty. However, the bad news was that the puddle light had fallen out.

I asked what the puddle light did. The answer was 'imagine that you go to a disco and park on a dry but badly lit car park. Whilst bopping about, as you do, a terrific thunderstorm occurs and you come out to a very wet car park and as you open your door your puddle light comes on'. So you see the huge puddle under your car and avoid wet feet!

I said I was not paying for a replacement so the garage taped up the hole where the puddle light had been to avoid water ingress. The salesman said if the tape falls off just pop the car in and we will redo it. I pointed out that it is a 14 mile round trip from here and although old, I can retape the gap myself.

I enquired as to whether he had been given any training to enable him to deal with the public - you can guess the answer. It wasn't YES!

### **RECENTLY SPOTTED NOTICES:-**

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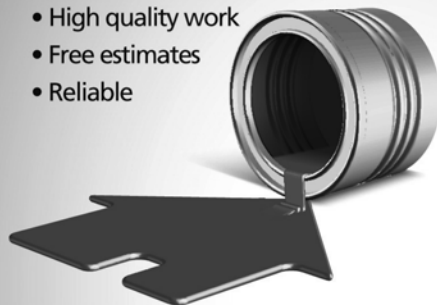
*"Slow- 30mph Sheep"* - speedy sheep?

*"Women soldiers must wear ties on all occasions."* Seen on a parade ground!

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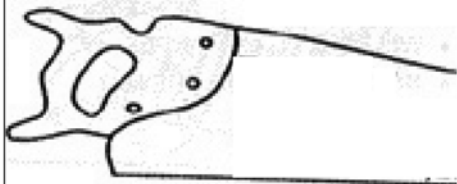
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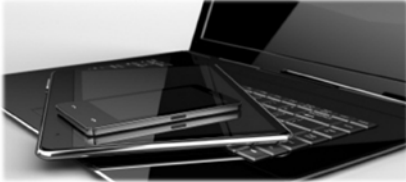


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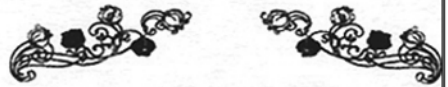


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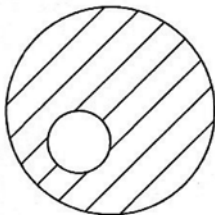
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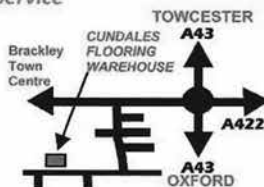
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